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## Latest Events In China

THE last events in China must attract the attention of every young worker. In China at the present time we see three most important active forces: 1. American-English imperialism. 2. Japanese imperialism, and 3. The National revolutionary movement.

The war between Chang Tso-lin (who represents Japanese interests) and Wu Pei-fu (who represents American-English interests) develops more and more and will inevitably involve the national revolutionary armies. The developing struggle will bring a short clash between the reactionary and revolutionary forces and the result will determine the fate of the Chinese National Revolutionary movement for a long period.

Temporarily we are more interested in the defeat of Chang Tso-lin who is the worst representative of reaction. It was he who shot down the workers in Shanghai, Hancou and other towns. He abolished the legal trade union movement and drowned in blood the workers' and peasants' movement.

In the last period we have also seen that the National Revolutionary movement developed very strong. The big majority of the proletariat and in some provinces the peasantry are involved in this movement. Such events as the strike in Shanghai and other places, the creation of a big trade union movement and peasants' organizations, the heroic struggles against imperialism in the last months, proves beyond a doubt the growing strength of the national revolutionary movement. The revolutionary troops of the Canton revolutionary government are now well organized and properly educated. They had a big victory during this month when they destroyed the army of Chen Zu-min (reactionary general active in South China for English-American interests) and took Swatow (a big town).

The Young Communists call upon all the young workers of this country to support the National Revolutionary Movement in China. We greet the success of the Canton revolutionary troops. We demand the withdrawal of American soldiers, marines and gun-boats from China. We must organize the agitation among them so that they will demand that they be sent home, no longer to fight for bosses against the Chinese workers and peasants.

The Young Workers (Communist) League of America pledges to help the workers and peasants of China in their struggles against English-American imperialism.

## Y. C. L. of England Raided Because of Struggles



The left sentiment prevailing in the ranks of the English proletariat is meeting with the opposition of the bourgeoisie government. At the very time that A. A. Purcell, president of the International Federation of Trade Unions is touring the United States and Canada with the message of World Trade Union Unity, the English government is striking a blow at the leaders of the workers' struggles, the Communist Party of England and the Young Communist League.

It is very significant that the police raided the offices of the Young Communist League of England and arrested the League secretary Comrade William Rust. It is the first time in the history of the League that the government has taken action against the Young Communist League and only goes to show that the influence of the League is rapidly growing. Already because of the systematic mass work of the English League its membership has been doubled. The plenary session of the Executive Committee of the League which met on October 11th, has endorsed the slogan: "Treble the membership by January 1st, 1926."

The English trade unions which have put up such a splendid struggle in the last period, in the miners' strike, the textile workers' lockout and in the movement for creating one solid block of all the trade unions movements of the world, together with the Russian unions, against the offensive of world capital, is not standing idly by and seeing the leaders of the Party, and League arrested. Protests are coming in from the trade unions en masse to the government such as, the protest of the Miners Federation to the Home Secretary.

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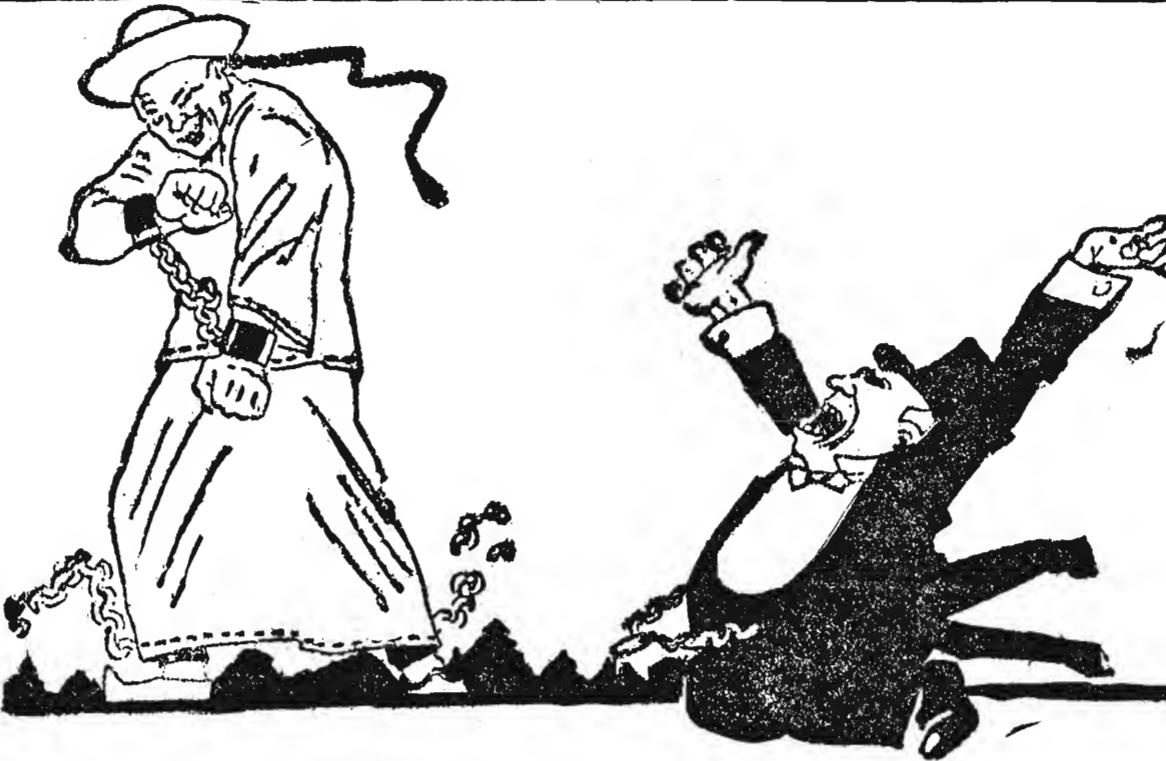
In England during the last two months there occurred a whole series of interesting events. A special Congress of the Trade Unions on the 24th of July; the Congress of the Minority Movement of the Trade Unions on the 29th of August; the Trade Union Congress on the 7th of September and the Conference of the Labor Party on the 29th of September.

During this same period there occurred strikes of the Miners, the lockout of the Textile workers, the strike of the Sailors and a series of other conflicts.

England at the present time is on the eve of new great class struggles.

The Y. C. L. gives special attention

## CHINESE WORKERS AND PEASANTS REVOLT



## The Anthracite Strike

### Young Miners! Fight for These Demands!

1. A six-hour day, five-day week!
2. A minimum wage of \$10 a day for all miners!
3. Support the Progressive Miners' Committee and its program! Repudiate the reactionary Lewis machine!
4. No governmental intervention! Against the use of troops in strikes! No arbitration!
5. For a Labor Party!

The only development in the struggle of the anthracite coal miners after nine weeks of struggle, in which the miners are countering the attempts of the coal barons to reduce their wages 15 to 20%, give them worse working conditions and smash their union, by launching an offensive and demanding a 10% increase in wages for contract men and \$1 a day increase for day men as well as five day week, is a proposal made yesterday by Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania.

Pinchot is well remembered by the anthracite miners for his compromise proposals which submitted the miners demands to arbitration and left them nothing but defeat. This latest attempt of Pinchot is made in the typical style by having conferences with the leaders of the bosses, Col. Ingalls and the well-known president of the U. M. W. A., John L. Lewis. No attempt is being made to consult the striking miners.

This attempt on the part of Pinchot to again submit the demands of the miners to arbitration must be met by a determined attitude on the part

of the rank and file miners to stand for their demands.

This attempt on the part of Pinchot, who is only a bourgeois politician, shows the effectiveness of the strike of the miners. Instead of submitting their demands to arbitration the miners must consolidate their forces and consolidate their ranks, demanding that the government troops and other armed thugs be removed, calling upon the U. M. W. A. union leaders to make no separate agreements but rather call a general strike of all miners, bituminous and anthracite. This would be the most effective method of ensuring success of the miners.

This latest attempt must be met with the solid resistance of the young miners. Propaganda will be scattered broadcast to try and influence the miners and especially the miners' families to capitulate at this crucial moment. Young miners, you must be the most militant to maintain your present demands. Allow no "sympathy" or "family" appeals to lead towards defeat. This is only another move of the bosses to defeat the striking miners.

Education, we see, under capitalism is merely a part of its productive and political machinery. But as capitalism grows into imperialism and trusts there is a tendency to make a mere robot of the worker. Too much education is not good for the boss class; it does not create revolutionaries but it does tend to produce a restless intelligentsia. And so the ruling class starts to keep the worker's children out of school. Standardized methods of teaching are introduced. The platoon system turns the school into a teaching factory, shortens the school time of the child and fits him more perfectly as a cog in the capitalist productive machine.

As capitalism becomes more industrialized less and less training of the proletarian youth is needed. Child labor becomes more predominant, and the amount of schooling given the child of the wage slave is cut down.

The fight for more and better schools, even the recognizing that they are class schools, is a struggle against child labor. In the United States where the school attendance is the lowest we find the greatest number of child laborers; and this applies most forcibly in the South. Illiteracy, exploitation of children, and poor schools go hand in hand.

There has been in recent years a revival and intensification of religious teaching. The bosses find it is necessary to inject more dope into their teachings in order to establish the permanency of the capitalist system.

Such capitalist propagandists as Roger W. Babson claim that the last

barricade of capitalism is the church. The constitution provides for religious liberty, the teaching of the bible in the schools has been recognized as legitimate by the capitalist schools.

The church organizations claim that the Sunday school membership in the United States is 19,000,000. The regular school attendance is only about 18,000,000 daily. And yet the workers offer no resistance to the church as a class instrument.

The schools are an instrument of the capitalist class but they have within them large masses of working class children. Through these children we can put forward our demands, the working class demands such as "Out with the anti-labor propaganda in the schools; out with the religious opium peddled to the young minds.

More and better schools. Proletarian parents' councils. Out with the platoon, factory school system."

—Harry Gannan.

CARPENTERS HELP STRIKING MINERS.

CLEVELAND—Carpenters 105 and other unions are making up bundles of clothing for the families of the shivering miners of West Virginia.

—Harry Gannan.

## Against American Education Week

"GIVE us the children—and the future is ours!" This principle was one of the most fundamental upon which the Jesuits worked. It argued a keen understanding of the methods by which the ideology of the masses is formed and by which the millions of toilers, whose position is one of misery and privation, can be made into blind supporters of the system that keeps them in subjection.

The capitalist class of to-day, the most powerful ruling class history has ever known, has reduced to perfection this art of getting hold on the workers' children and turning them into the bitterest enemies of the working-class. It is because we give our children to the bosses that they find it possible so easily to maintain their parasitic hold on the masses. The bosses get hold of the workers' children—and then they breath a sigh of relief, feeling more secure for the future.

Workingclass Children Turned Into Enemies of their Class.

Workers! Young workers! Just think! Your children, your brothers and your sisters, fall into the hands of the bosses as soon as they are able to understand anything. And then begins the process of poisoning their minds against labor, of turning them into actual supporters of capitalism. They go to public school, where for five days a week, six hours a day, for the period of a year of years a constant fire of anti-labor propaganda is opened on them. Strikes are wrong and unpatriotic! The bosses are friends of the workers and the workers should not be so "ungrateful" as to "rebel" against their "friends and breadgivers!" America is a country where all men are free and equal, where all children, rich and poor, have the same opportunities in life, and where the government belongs to the "people" who are the real rulers. The American government never fights except for "justice," "liberty," and "democracy" and every man who is not a coward or a "traitor" defends his country and fights for it against all enemies. These are some of the "lessons" that the public schools teach the workingclass children. Are they lessons that will tell to make your children and brothers and sisters your comrades in the struggle against the bosses or your enemies?

American Education Week.

Starting Nov. 16, the entire American machinery of "education" is going to embark on the American education week. Do you want to know the purpose and the tasks of this "educational" campaign? See who is behind it and examine its program. Who is sponsoring and arranging it? The bureau of education of the federal department of the interior! The National Education Association!

The subjects selected for the day-to-day program prove conclusively that there will be no education of any kind carried on in the schools, but instead a campaign to instill into the minds of the children all the patriotic bunkum that is regularly broadcasted by the American Legion and like organizations.

"Patriotism Day;" the patriotism of the dollar-chasers and profit grabbers of the Ku Klux Klan and the American Legion and other organizations engaged in persecuting suppressed colonies abroad and the workingclass movement at home. "For God and Country Day;" the teaching of religion as a means of stimulating the campaign of the Church organizations of this state for the passage of the bill by the state legislature making compulsory the reading of the Bible in the public schools. Children will be taught that they actually are justified in thinking of "our" country. They will be told it is their duty to defend "their" country; this is simply propaganda for the further development of the Citizens' Military Training Camps.

The Cleveland Young Workers League has arranged a mass meeting for Friday, November 20, to be held at Insurance Center Building, 1783 East 11th Street. The speakers will be L. Anter, District Secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party, Martin Gordon, District Organizer of the Young Workers League, Philip Shatz, and Edward Shatz, the latter representing the Junior Section.

Leaflets advertising this meeting, and pointing out the true nature of education week, will be distributed to all high schools and public schools attended by working class children as well as to factories in which large numbers of young workers are employed.

Organize the League in the shops and mines: there is where it COUNTS!

## HOW RUSSIAN YOUTH WORKS AND STUDIES UNDER SOVIET RULE

### YOUNG WORKERS TELL OF LIFE IN MOSCOW FACTORY

TO THE YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE NUCLEUS IN THE "BOSTON STORE."

Dear Comrades,

We have received your letter and in the first place have taken note of your continuous work despite persecution on the part both of the proprietors and the police. Your letter was read and discussed at a general meeting of our Y. C. L. nucleus. All the comrades present participated in drawing up a plan for close contact between our two organizations situated at such a great distance from one another, working under such different conditions, but nevertheless striving for one great goal—that of Communism.

We would now like to acquaint you briefly with the life and work of our Y. C. L. nucleus in the experimental-technical tailoring factory in Moscow.

Our nucleus comprises 88 Y. C. L. members out of a total number of 100 young workers employed in the factory. The nucleus has existed since 1920, but until 1923 it was numerically weak and organizationally feeble.

Those under 18 learn trades in factory and workshop technical schools attached to our factory. There are 51 young workers learning in our factory most of whom are girls. The school premises are well-equipped and in the production section there are sewing machines driven by motors and also gas heated pressing iron. Work is conducted according to the division of labor.

In most cases, the young workers also undergo a course of general education in addition to training for the tailoring trade. When finished at this school, our young comrades enter the factory as fully qualified workers.

During the period when they are at school, the young workers continue to receive wages. All Young Communists participate in primary or secondary political education circles according to their capacities. Sixteen young workers who are members of our nucleus are studying at evening classes in the workers' facilities. There are altogether 700 workers employed at our factory. There is a workers' club in which the work is mainly carried on by the young workers. In general, the youth at our factory take active part in the social and cultural life. For instance, we have representatives on the factory committee, the mutual aid society, the cultural commission, the cooperative, the class war prisoners' defense organization, the Soviet of Workers' Deputies, the Wage Commission of the factory, and in general in all organizations.

For our younger generation we have organized a detachment of young Pioneers attached to the factory in which there are 60 workers' children aged from 10 to 15 years. A Young Communist guides the Pioneer work and conducts serious educational work among them. In addition to this, the young children themselves perform a lot of work such as assisting the cultural commission, working in the library, arranging evenings, and issuing wall-newspapers.

In our nucleus 50 per cent are girls and 50 per cent youth, but recently the girls have been carrying on more active work as a section of the most active youths left to study at evening classes.

This is all we are able to describe to you in such a brief letter, but we hope that on receiving our communication you will enter into correspondence with us and send a reply describing the progress of your work. We in return will always endeavor to keep you informed as to the details of our life and work.

**WE SEND YOU OUR WARM COMMUNIST GREETINGS.**

Nucleus of the Russian Leninist Young Communist League  
at the Experimental-Technical Tailoring Factory.

## Youth Economic Struggle

THE attention of our organization must be diverted towards the young workers. The present period, where our fundamental activities are not given sufficient attention, has come to a close. Due to the youthfulness and inexperience of our American League we have little tradition of mass work. However, in the past period we did find organizational form for the beginning of mass activities, and today our immediate task is to focus our attention on mass activity.

No longer shall we busy ourselves with phrases and internal struggles which divert our attention from the practical work of building the league and influencing the working class youth. The present period of no mass work, no factory campaigns, no planned or directed work among the masses, little trade union activity, has been left behind only as a dark memory and a stage which were able to extricate ourselves from, with a determination and united will to fulfill our historic task of agitation and organizing the young workers in the class struggle against the bosses in their everyday struggles and against the capitalist state in their political struggles.

The Young Communist International at the last Bureau session after a careful study of the American League stated as follows: "The main task of the American League is the creation of a mass organization of young workers recruited is the creation of young workers recruited primarily from the large industries and organized completely upon the nucleus basis..." This can only be achieved by a general increase of activity on all fields and particularly by concerted efforts in the daily struggles of the working class youth."

Therein lies the kernel of our immediate future activity. The practical application of this program can be seen thru the present activities of the League. We have issued thousands of copies of leaflets addressed to the young striking anthracite miners and the young workers in general, presenting the position of the young miners and the demands for which they are struggling against the combined forces of the bosses, the state and the union bureaucracy. Closely linked up with this is the attempts being made to make the Y. W. L. an effective factor in helping the striking miners and the routing of a young miner, who has been actively engaged in the strike, thruout the country to acquaint the workers, young and old, with the present situation and call upon them for complete solidarity.

In order to better equip ourselves to conduct the struggles of the young workers, we are setting out systematically to study and investigate the conditions of the key industries and especially the conditions of the young workers therein. Towards this goal comrades throughout the country are devoting their time to special work of research from the actual laboratory

## Young Worker Correspondents



### Indenturing Young Building Workers

An example of the danger to the workers of the so-called joint control apprenticeship schools is furnished in the training classes which are being run for the building industry trades in Cleveland.

Thru the good graces of the board of education of Cleveland a committee of master and journeymen plumbers organized a class for apprentices, following upon a class which had previously been formed for sheet metal workers. These classes developed until today there are nearly 100 boys in six trades attending the part time training courses. At first it was difficult to get the young workers to attend a scab class for a day, so that the system was finally changed so that the young worker worked four hours each week and received instruction during four hours which he had previously been obliged to work.

These young workers have no rights in the union. Each class is under the supervision of joint and equal representatives of the contractors and the unions with a representative of the public school system who invariably

would support the viewpoint and ideas of the bosses. The young worker, after his application is approved, is given a trial period of thirty days; and if his work is satisfactory he is indentured to a contractor.

During the period of his indenture the boss makes sure that he gets a good "education" which means a non-labor education at the best and an anti-labor education at the worst and the worst is usually the case. The boys, further, are penalized for absence from their indentures. Either they are permanently suspended from the apprentice lists, which means that they lose their jobs, or else their period of indenture, which goes from three to four years, is increased.

The idea of the "sacredness of contract" which, in actual practice, means that the workers dare not break the contract but that the bosses usually do violate it flagrantly, is carefully explained and pumped into the heads of the young workers. Not only does this sort of trade apprenticeship plan promote the building up of a corps of potential union breakers and servile tools of the bosses—mostly against their will—but, in the words of the executive manager, W. P. Carroll, it promotes cordial relations and better under-

standing between employer and employee." This is class collaboration of the usual sort, and it prevents the development of a militant working class policy and action by the labor unions. It also prevents the unions from taking complete control of all the workers in the industry because of their sharing the training of young workers with the employers who are cunning enough to use the situation for their own ends.

What the Young Workers (Communist) League has pointed out about apprenticeship and the labor unions holds particularly true for this situation. The unions should take sole charge of the apprentice training of young workers, giving them not only a trade education but a training in the ideas and cause of the working class; in the meantime enabling the young workers to participate in the activities of the union by having full voice and vote, and thru the removal of all barriers which discriminate against the young workers such as high initiation fees, high dues payments and the like. Such a policy not only brings new militant blood into the unions but prevents the development of a group which is at the command of the bosses for all scabbing and anti-labor work.

## Messenger Boys Demand Better Conditions!

WHILE the young workers, working as messenger boys for the Western Union Telegraph Co. receive wages as low as \$6.00 per week and very seldom higher than \$17.00 per week the Company finds it has \$8,000,000 surplus which they promise to distribute to their employees. However this increase in wages will not be given to those miserably exploited young workers but will be given mainly to the higher officials who do the dirty work for the company and directly supervise the exploitation of the boys.

At the same time it is rumored around the financial centers that the stockholders who ordinarily receive 7% on their investments will now receive 50% and the young messenger boys will continue to receive the miserable wages they now get while the owners of the stock live in extreme luxury.

Eleven hours each day these young boys walk the streets, climb many flights of stairs delivering messages. They receive no regular wages, and yet are compelled to keep up their uniforms and be dressed neat and clean with their shoes polished at all times. At seven in the morning these boys come to work and stay on the job until 6 in the evening. They receive seven cents for each trip they make and two cents for each telegram they deliver.

Any one can see that with such low piece work rates it is impossible for anyone to make anywhere near a living wage. Besides this piece work the company also allows an hourly rate. This ranges from 28 cents an hour for day work to 31 1/4 for night work.

No wonder they can afford to talk of dividends of 50% for stockholders, and no wonder they can afford to give an increase in pay to those white collar workers who do the work of exploiting the young workers. It tells you to fight against these conditions. Help yourselves by fighting to defend your rights.

Certainly you are not satisfied with this. You want more pay! You must organize and fight for it. You don't want to be bawled out and told to shut up every time you open your mouth. Then organize and demand better conditions.

Remember 50% dividends for the lazy stockholders, \$3,000,000 for the inspectors who bawl you out and fire you without cause. The Young Workers League invites you into its ranks. It tells you to fight against these conditions. Help yourselves by fighting to defend your rights.

dues, the young workers here do not know that the union exists and cannot even attend meetings.

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two weeks to learn it, and during this two weeks the young workers only receive \$18 a week. Later you are paid piece-work, and after you have been here quite a while, if you work at break-neck speed all day, you can make a living wage, and that's all. But there are few of us in the department who are willing to speed-up so much in order to make a few cents more a week, and so we do the work fast enough.

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Few of the young workers here stay very long. They have usually worked at Western Electric and many other shops in Chicago and as soon as they think they have found a better job they quit. If they don't quit they are often fired if the boss thinks that they are not learning to do the work fast enough.

S. K.

### CONDITIONS IN A METAL FACTORY.

After having spent some time hunting for a job I finally succeeded and am at the present employed at the Midway Electric Co. at 277 W. Austin Ave. Said company manufactures electric appliances and employs about 35 workers of which most are young workers between the age of 19 to 25 years old and a small number of women. The conditions of these workers are deplorable and almost unbelievable.

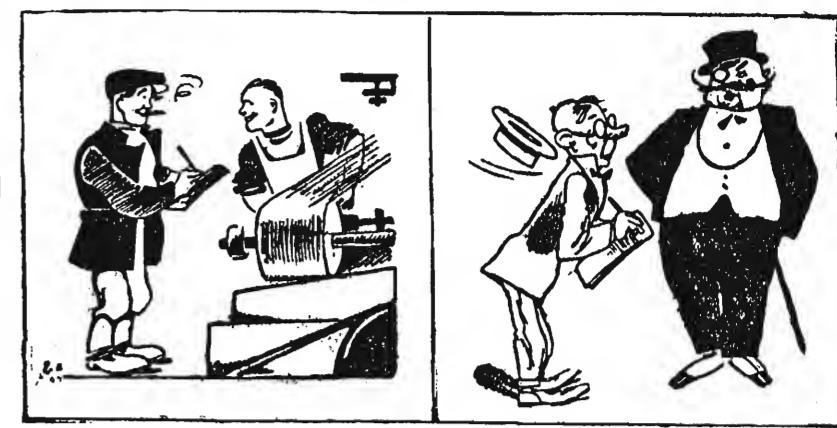
The shop is located in the basement and under the street so that hardly any air penetrates in there. The company have orders that will last for over a year but the place is not big enough to employ the help necessary for the production and therefore the workers are working overtime up to 16 hours a day.

There are about 15 colored workers employed in the shop. Most of the help is paid on piece work basis and by working like slaves and overtime from 12 to 16 hours a day, they can barely make a living.

There are no toilet facilities and no wash room, if you want to be clean you will have to go to your home and wash off the dirt. The company has no room for such luxury.

Men and women are forced to work in this hell hole up to 16 hours a day and it seems to me that this is a good place for some union in the metal industry to make a drive on and organize these young workers and force this outfit to consider its workers as human beings.

## Become a Young Worker Correspondent



Young Worker Correspondent

Bourgeois Correspondent

## YOUNG WORKER ENTERS DEBATE

By A Young Worker Correspondent.

If the workers want to study, they must get hold of the schools and universities. The same applies to freedom of Culture.

The debate: Should workers support guild socialism?

At eight o'clock all the seats were already occupied. There was a big crowd of listeners—all young people and mostly young workers. They were all waiting for the beginning of the debate of the evening—"Should workers support guild socialism?"

At last the chairman opened the meeting. In a few short remarks he explained to the audience the meaning and the aims of the club and then he introduced the debators. Affirmative—Mr. Weber, pastor of the Church of All Nations; negative—Mr. Samson, a high school instructor with advanced pro-labor views.

The Reverend Pastor Opens the Debate.

Mr. Weber opened the debate and spoke first. In nicely chosen phrases he pointed out, in a kinder way, the evils and injustices of the capitalist system of society. He called attention to the exploitation, crime, loose living, prostitution, wars, etc., that flourish under capitalism. Then he tried to show how guild socialism would cure everything, how, thru building workers' cooperatives, thru urging all workers to join the trade unions, the workers will get hold of all the wealth of the country and have everything as it should be.

"Peace and Harmony."

The working class, the reverend gentlemen continued, will achieve its emancipation in a "peaceful" way—thru propaganda, thru study. Especially study.

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We are to study, Mr. Samson went on. But how can the workers study when their whole lives belong to their bosses for whom they have to slave away year in and year out? "I'll even assume," Mr. Samson argued, "that the workers have the opportunity to study. Then what will they study, where will they study, how will they study, when all the schools and all educational facilities are in the hands of the bosses, of the bourgeoisie...."

Then came the turn of his opponent, Mr. Samson. He just tore into the mass of cobwebs that Rev. Mr. Weber had spun. In a stormy speech full of burning sarcasm and hatred of the capitalist oppressors, he pointed out all the bunk contained in the pastor's speech. "Pastor Weber," he said, "talks very nicely about justice and freedom and loose living and wars. He calls you to holiness, to peace, to education, to 'sweetness and light.' But how stupid all this is...." We are to study, Mr. Samson went on.

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Come Ahead Into the Young Workers League

## American Education Week

### Manufactures Robots



WE PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO ANYTHING YOU SAY

SCHOOL

### To the Factories with Young Workers League

committees but bring the entire membership together for the practical work of our League which is the most dynamic unifying factor we can find. Everyone must throw their energy behind this practical work which is already under way and which will be extended in many other fields during the next few months. Away with all phrases. Away with useless discussions which have no basis but only obstruct our practical, fundamental work.

Every member an agitator, propagandist and organizer. No struggle will take place without our active participation. Our slogan must go out and reach through the league, "TOWARDS MASS WORK."

John Williamson.

# N. E. C. STARTS MASS WORK

At the last meeting of the National Executive Committee a lengthy discussion was held on the general situation and tasks of the Young Workers (Communist) League. The concensus of opinion of this session was that on the basis of the decisions of the C. I. and the last Party convention we must concentrate on the following:

## TOWARDS MASS WORK.

We must first recognize the position which the League finds itself in. Our League is isolated from the masses of the young workers. We do not carry on real mass work. We had no real economic-trade union work. Such examples as our participation in the miners strike, the fight against child labor, and anti-militarist campaign show that they were neglected by the League. While certain reformist and pacifist organizations are discussing and taking a stand on the last two questions.

We must recognize that the main tasks which confront our League at the present time is that of breaking our organization into mass work. To work among the masses of young workers in the shops and trade unions, especially of the basic industries comes first. We must find the organizational forms for the organization of the working youth.

We must convert our League into an organization which will represent the whole American working youth, and not only some nationalities. Certainly the divisions according to nationalities must be liquidated immediately.

We must create new cadres of active comrades especially from the youth of the basic industries.

## ECONOMIC TRADE UNION WORK.

One of the fundamental tasks of our League will be the struggle for world trade union unity and the support for the creation of a left wing in American trade union movement.

1. Our main work must be in the shops. There must not be single member who will not be working among the masses of young workers.

2. We must be acquainted with the position and the life of the young workers of this country. We must also publish material and some pamphlets on this subject.

3. We must prepare a program of concrete demands for every industry and for the working youth as a whole.

4. We must call conferences of the working youth. As the first step the calling of a general working youth conference in New York and a conference of young miners in Eastern Ohio not later than January.

5. We must begin steady work in the Trade Unions and organize our Communist youth fractions. We must begin a steady work for the entrance of the young workers into the trade unions beginning with a special campaign.

6. We must put forward the slogan of youth representatives on the shop committees (where there are no shop committees we must raise the slogan of youth assistant for the shop chairman). We must have youth representatives in the T. U. E. L. and the trade union committees.

7. We must lead and participate in every economic fight of the young workers. Our task must be, in every question which concerns the young workers, in every strike, our leading role and our work.

## UNITED FRONT TACTICS.

We must put to the fore the tactics of the united front. We must attract trade unions, cultural and other kinds of workers organizations in a series of campaigns on a local and national scale against capitalism, e.g. fight against child labor, for the economic demands of the working youth, against interventions in China's national revolutionary movement, against military training in the schools, against movement in such a country like the United States will be one of the fundamental means of winning away the masses of young workers from the ideological influences of the bourgeoisie and towards class consciousness. We must organize fractions in the workers sports organizations.

## AGITPROP AND EDUCATION.

Our agitprop and educational work must have a steady and systematic

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# FOR UNITY IN PITTSBURGH

THE N. E. C. thoroly discussed the question of the situation in Pittsburgh. The guiding factor in this discussion was the resolution adopted on Unity and Mass Work. The N. E. C. first decided to liquidate its former decision that Pittsburgh remain a sub-district and decided that it become a regular functioning district of the Y. W. L.

## SPORTS WORK.

We must organize a big sports correct appreciation and understanding of the role of the C. I. and the Y. C. I. to study the experiences of our world revolutionary movement, especially the Russian experiences, to propagate the slogan of a Labor Party, etc.

## ANTI-IMPERIALIST WORK.

The growth of American imperialism, the growing interference in European, Asiatic and South American nationalist, militarist propaganda, makes the question of our struggle against it more and more important. We must begin the organization of countering these factors in the colonies of American Imperialism, at home, and especially in the army and navy.

## NEGRO WORK.

The Negro work must become a part of the entire work of the whole League. Besides the work among the Negro workers we must adopt the correct line towards the Negro peasantry of the South. The Negro problem is not only a class question.

## PIONEER MOVEMENT.

In the last period the Pioneer Movement was quite neglected. Both the Party and League must adopt the correct standpoint to this problem and must give material help. We must fight against national deviations (such as the organization of the children along language divisions in certain cases) and make every effort to convert the Young Pioneers into a mass organization.

## THE YOUNG WORKER.

The Young Worker must become a mass paper. It must not remain a paper of two or three comrades. In this respect the question of building up anet work of young workers corresponds a which will include the non-leage young workers, becomes a fundamental task. We must put as our slogan the doubling of the circulation in three months.

## OUR FINANCIAL POSITION.

The financial situation of the League is critical. Our first task is to create order in this work, also by organizing a financial apparatus from the top to the bottom. We must concentrate on systematically raising finances outside our own organization.

## REORGANIZATION.

As a prerequisite for the success of all our work comes the complete reorganization of the League on the basis of shop nuclei. All efforts must be concentrated to achieve this task in a definite period. The reorganization as well as all our other activities must be connected with the question of recruiting new members.

## CONCLUSION.

Real Mass Work, every member an active member, less phrases and more deeds on the basis of our political line, united comradely and energetic work, along the line of the tasks laid down will convert our League into a real mass Bolshevik organization and into the real leader of the working youth of the United States in their struggle against capitalism.

## EDUCATION WEEK MEETINGS.

New York, Sunday, Nov. 15, 1 P. M. Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St. Main speaker Pat Toohey. 15,000 leaflets.

Cleveland, Ohio, Friday, Nov. 20, 8 P. M., Insurance Center Bldg., 1783 E. 11th St., 6th Fl., Speakers: I. Amter, Martin Gordon, Phil Shatz, Ed. Shatz, 15,000 leaflets.

Youngstown, Ohio, Sunday, Nov. 22, 2:30 P. M., at 338½ W. Federal St. Speakers: Martin Gordon, Phil Shatz, Sam Sirotnick, Julius Spiegel. Leaflets to Mr. K. Cheloff, 318 Fulton St. Youngstown, 20,000 leaflets.

Conneaut, Ohio, Thursday, Nov. 21, 8 P. M., Workers Hall, 943 Broad St. Speaker: Martin Gordon, Y. W. L. Box 31, Jester Station. 500 leaflets.

Philadelphia, Pa., Saturday, Nov. 21, 5 P. M., at 521 York Ave., 2,500 leaflets. Speaker: R. Baker, W. P. M. Yusen, Y. W. L. Kutzler, Y. P. also concert.

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# For Unity and Mass Work!

## New York for Unity

## Thru Unity to Communist Mass Activity

Schindler, the latter of whom requested permission to cast his vote within a short time. Upon the basis of the resolution, the D. E. C. was reorganized. Comrade Goldstein was replaced by Comrade Garfinkle as a member of the D. E. C. The Polcom was replaced by a Bureau composed of Comrades Papcun, Schaap, Begler, Solnitsky, Mankin, Schindler, and a Party representative. This Bureau will meet every two weeks.

A secretariat which will meet between sessions of the Bureau will be composed of Comrades Papcun, Mankin, and Schaap.

The Agitprop was reorganized and Comrade Solnitsky was added to the committee as head. In addition there are the following comrades: Begler, Mankin, and Papcun.

Comrade Papcun is head of the industrial committee with comrades Schaap, Schindler, and Dichter on it.

Plans for a campaign of mass work on the basis of a unified and active League were made and activity will be started immediately.

The comrades here are also actively engaged in raising money for the Five Thousand Dollar Building Fund.

## Grand Rapids Y. W. L. for Unity, Mass Work

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# The White Terror

## YOUNG WORKERS FIGHT FOR RELEASE OF GITLOW

The young workers organized in the youth branches of the International Labor Defense are preparing the campaign for the release of Benjamin Gitlow. Comrade Benjamin Gitlow, member of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party has been taken to the hell hole of New York state-Sing Sing Prison to serve the unexpired portion of his term.

Gitlow was sentenced to a term of from 5 to 10 years for violation of the New York criminal syndicalist law in the court of Judge Weeks in New York City, January 1920. This verdict was later upheld by the state United States supreme court. Gitlow was released once on an appeal and once on a writ of error, but the U. S. Supreme court has upheld the constitutionality of the criminal syndicalist act and ordered Gitlow to return to jail.

Here we have a real living example of the functions of the U. S. Constitution which will be so loudly praised during American Education Week. The young workers in the International Labor Defense must rush the funds necessary to fight for the release of Gitlow.

## UNDER THE RULE OF THE 'PHILOSOPHER-PROFESSOR'

The Czechoslovakian "Rude Pravo" after an investigation of the statistics of the labor movement of Czechoslovakia since December, 1920, reports that these persecutions have resulted in forty-three deaths and over a hundred and fifty seriously wounded workers. The number of political trials directed against the workers is incalculable and the total of the terms amounts to over seven thousand years. This is in the paradise of "democracy" ruled by the "philosopher" Professor Masaryk.

## SAVE RAKOSI AND HIS COMRADES!

(From the Pravda, October 9, 1925.) According to latest reports, Comrade Rakosi and a number of other active Communists and Left Socialists have been accused of making preparations for a revolt and will be tried by a special court. The telegrams state that the Hungarian government is causing the rumor to be spread that this is done in response to